



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Application No.: 09/528,356
Applicant(s): Masahito NIIKAWA and Hiroaki KUBO
For: DRIVING DEVICE AND INFORMATION PROCESSING
DEVICE FOR A DATA STORAGE MEDIUM
Confirmation No.: 6551
Customer No.: 24367
Docket No.: 15162/01640
Filed: March 17, 2000
Group Art Unit: 2673
Examiner: Kent Wu Chang

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the Examiner's Answer dated February 24, 2004, be extended for four months to August 24, 2004.

A response to the Examiner's Answer, dated February 24, 2004, is filed concurrently herewith.

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Petition for Extension of Time dated August 24, 2004
Reply to Examiner's Answer of February 24, 2004

A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization for the four month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is submitted herewith. In the event that the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization is not present, is not sufficient, or is not acceptable, please charge any fee (other than issue fee) required during the pendency of this U.S. patent application to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL AND FEE AUTHORIZATION

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PATENT APPLICATION IS:

- ☒ (A) A response to the Examiner's Answer dated: February 24, 2004
☒ (B) A Petition for Extension of Time
☐ for 1 month ☐ for 2 months ☐ for 3 months; ☒ for 4 months;
A Petition for Extension of Time, having been previously filed,
☐ for 1 month ☐ for 2 months ☐ for 3 months
☐ (C) A Notice of Appeal. \$
☐ (D) An Appellant's Brief on Appeal. \$
☐ (E) Other: \$
☐ (F) A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27
☐ Small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been previously established
☐ The claims fee, if any, has been calculated as shown below

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TOTAL		MINUS		
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				

SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADD'L FEE
x \$9	\$
x \$43	
+ \$145	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	\$ 0.00

OR

LARGE ENTITY

RATE	ADD'L FEE
x \$18	\$
x \$86	
+ \$290	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	\$ 0.00

- ☒ Please charge \$1,480.00 to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260, which includes
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☒ A duplicate copy of this Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization is enclosed.

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